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EDITOR'S NOTES:

In this issue of The Volstate Guard, we've added some new features, the Commander's Focus, where we share with the soldiers a reprint of Major General Hargett's last article published in the National Guard Magazine.

We are also trying a new format with larger photos and more timely articles, but to make the Volstate Guard more current and designed for the needs of our soldiers, we need your input. Drop us an email or a phone call and let us know what your unit is doing. Training events, community activities, significant events all make good reading for your fellow soldiers.

With more than 3,500 Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members deployed away from home supporting Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, our mission to keep our soldiers informed of what is happening within the Tennessee National Guard becomes much more important. So we ask for *YOUR* input.

Also, in this issue is a poem written by Colonel Nelson Steed (*Left Behind* on page 7) that truly expresses the feeling that effect all of us as we see our friends, our family and our comrades-in-arms deploy to protect this great nation.

Well said, Colonel.

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COMMANDER'S FOCUS



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Total Force Policy has and continues to serve this country well.

During comments to reporters, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld recently expressed frustration with the 30-year-old Total Force Policy.

"A decision was made a number of years ago for the United States military to put in the Reserves and the Guard, as opposed to the active forces, a whole set of capabilities that are necessary if you are going to, in fact, be engaged in the use of force," he said.

"That means that you cannot do [all] the things you normally would do with active forces in the event the president makes such a decision, without activating the Reserves and Guard," he said.

"So we're doing that," Rumsfeld said. "It's a shame that we're organized that way, and we intend to see that we're no longer organized that way in the future. But, at present, we are organized that way."

This is a chilling statement, not just for the Guard, but for the entire nation.

I Total Force Policy has served, and continues to serve, this country well. It certainly saves tax dollars. But even more important, it ties military actions to the American people.

The policy was borne out our nation's Vietnam experience. There were widespread anti-war sentiments, the budget deficit was growing and Congress was increasingly dissatisfied with our national security policy.

Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, the U.S. military commander in South Vietnam and, subsequently, Army chief of staff, saw in the National Guard a solution to much of what ailed the nation.

Abrams said the nation should never again go to war without the support of the American people. And that mandate was embodied in the National Guard, with its deep roots in American society. America doesn't truly go to war, Abrams believed, until the National Guard goes to war.

This simple doctrine was key to development of Total Force Policy, first enunciated by Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird in 1970. The idea was to shift our nation's military from draft-dependent to an all-volunteer force relying upon the National Guard as its primary reserve.

When the president wanted to do more with less, relying on the National Guard provided an escape clause for the draft and a cost-effective force multiplier for a shrinking military. Still today, National Guard combat power is one-fifth the cost of active forces.

Unfortunately, years of bad policy and benign neglect needed repair before the notional Total Force could approach reality. Over the next three decades dramatic changes in Guard equipment, personnel, units and missions slowly took shape, but only under continued pressure from Defense Department leadership and the Congress.

Most recently Defense Secretary William Cohen in 1997 urged senior leaders to accept responsibility for and ownership of the Total Force. He directed those barriers between active and reserve components be removed and that adequate resources be provided for readiness.

The problem today is not Total Force policy. It remains a proven alternative to an expensive, large standing army. Furthermore, it provides a safeguard against going to war without public sanction. The problem is follow-through. The Guard, especially the Army Guard, while enjoying the trappings of partnership, still has not achieved the status.

In short, it is the Guard that needs transformation not Total Force policy.

Although progress has been made, some Army Guard units are still equipped with combat gear three generations older than the active Army.

Nevertheless, it is true that in 2003 the United States cannot go to war without the National Guard, nor can the federal standing Army and Air Force carry the burden of peacetime readiness alone.

This is not a worrisome product of slipshod force-structure evolution. It reflects both a constitutional mandate well suited for representative democracy and a wise way to invest American taxpayer dollars.

We should follow through on the policy's obligations and preserve it as a guide-post for safeguarding the future strength of American democracy.

Brigadier General David Greer To Become Assistant Adjutant General, Army



Brig. Gen. David Greer was recently named the Assistant Adjutant General, Army, Tennessee National Guard.

A Shelby County native, General Greer currently serves as the Deputy Commanding General - ARNG, U. S. Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, Okla., and also as the Deputy Adjutant General for the Military Department, State of Tennessee.

General Greer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1972, and was then commissioned as 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, United States Army. He later received a master's degree in public administration from Memphis State University.

General Greer is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic and Advance Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. He has served in a variety of command and staff assignments within the Tennessee Army National Guard, including Artillery Battery Commander; Battalion Commander, 3-115 Field Artillery; Commander, 1st Battalion (Field Artillery Training), 117th Regiment, RTI; and commander, 196th

Field Artillery Brigade. He was selected as the Deputy Commanding General - ARNG, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center in July 2001, and assumed the duties of Deputy Adjutant General in November 2002.

His numerous awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

General Greer is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Guard Association of the United States.

He is married to the former Vera C. Sherrod of Knoxville, Tenn. They have one daughter, Kathryn. Brig. Gen. Greer is a York Rite Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner.

During the transition period Brig. Gen. Jimmy G. Welch will continue to serve as the assistant adjutant general, Army, Tennessee National Guard.



278th ACR Provides Winners for Second Year in a Row



Spec. Gregory D. Barnett of HHT 3/278th ACR is awarded "Soldier of the Year" by State Command Sgt. Maj. Bobby Davis. Photo by: Sgt. Russell Klika



Staff Sgt. Jamey M. Murphy of HHT 278th ACR is awarded "NCO of the Year" by State Command Sgt. Maj. Bobby Davis. Photo by: Sgt. Walter VanOchten

*By: Sgt. Mark Wojciechowski
133rd MPAD*

Smyrna, Tenn. Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Jamey M. Murphy and Spec. Gregory D. Barnett on their recent recognition as "NCO of the Year" and "Soldier of the Year" for the Tennessee Army National Guard. Both soldiers are from the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. This makes the second year in a row that the 278th has provided the winning soldiers for this competition.

The Tennessee Army National Guard has recognized the two soldiers through rigorous board interviews and evaluations. The process begins at the unit level and progresses through brigade level and Major Command eventually culminating at the state level. Upon selection the two soldiers were interviewed and evaluated on several areas to include; weapons, demolition, first aid, NBC, map reading, field sanitation, physical fitness, current events, The NCO Creed, and military leadership.

The field of participants included one Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year candidate from the 194th Engineer Brigade, 196th Field Artillery Brigade, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment and one NCO from 30th Troop Command. The Soldier of the Year candidate representing the 30th Troop

Command was unable to attend the competition due to being deployed.

Staff Sgt. Murphy, from Corrytown, Tenn. is assigned as a Cavalry Fighting Vehicle (CFV) commander with Headquarters/Headquarters Troop, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Knoxville. A 1992 honor graduate of William Blount High School, Staff Sgt. Murphy attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Central Texas College, in Killeen, Tex. On a daily basis, Staff Sgt. Murphy is an AGR soldier and serves as the Assistant Operations NCO and Regimental School Coordinator.

He has attended the U.S. Army Military Police School, the Combat Lifesaver Course, the Air Assault Course, BNCOC, and the Cavalry Scout School at Camp Roberts, Calif. His numerous awards include the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Good Conduct, 2nd award, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Specialist Barnett, from Cookeville, Tenn. is assigned as a Combat Medic with Headquarters/Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Cookeville.

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Military Geneology

By: Ssg. Gary Chancy
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If someone asks you if you had a family member that served in the military during the civil war, what would you say? Probably with some doubt, you'd say sure I think I had a relative that served. In most cases, that would be the extent of the conversation about your family's military heritage, at least during that time of conflict in American History.

Now with the click of a mouse, you can be a step closer to being certain someone in your family serving in the armed forces during 1861-1865.

Yes the onset of computers and the internet have changed the world dramatically, even in the recovery of military heritage. I recently discovered how easy the process really was for myself.

If you know the name of the Tennessee soldier you want to search out, all you need to do is go to the internet domain www.tngenweb.org/civilwar.

This site is home to Union and Confederate Military Rosters hosted by USGenNet, as well as a number of other Civil War era research databases. To name a few of the features on this site I noticed an area titled Civil War newspapers, Confederate Service Records, Virtual Civil War Military Cemetery and Memorial Rolls. The list of databases continues on and on.

My interest led me to the Union Military Rosters banner where pages containing the Union Military Rosters from the "Report of the Adjutant General's Office from the State of Tennessee" published in 1866 resided.

Once I entered the site, I was prompted to type in the name of the soldier I was seeking information. I searched out the Union soldier Joseph Chancey. To my surprise his name was quickly displayed as a member of Company B, 10th Cavalry Regiment. The soldier is listed as being a Corporal at age 29 with an enlistment date of October 15th, 1863. His mustered date was October 26th, 1863.

I was amazed at all the data that appeared before my eyes. Finally after 41 years of not knowing, I could say that

I had a family member that served.

Now that I had identified the family member, my next project is to request a copy of their service record from the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The site says if you are a resident of the state of Tennessee, the agency will make copies of service records for veterans who served in a Tennessee military unit, both Union and Confederate, and mail them to you.

If you are looking for service records for all states, both Union and Confederate, the site tells us the National Archives host those documents. The agency will copy the service records and mail you a copy.

To order a copy of your veteran's service records, you will need Form NAFT-86. Copies of the form may be ordered on the internet at http://www.archives.gov/global_pages/inquire_form.html or by writing to the U.S.

National Archives & Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20408 or call them at 1-86-NARA-NARA.

Once you have gotten the service record of your family member, you can apply for membership to the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the Sons of Union Veterans.

Don't be surprised if you will qualify to join both organizations. In many cases, you'll find family members on both Union and Confederate Rosters.

The Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is composed of over 50 individual chapters, called "Camps", which are located throughout the state. More information about the organization can be found at www.scv.org.

Today, the National Organization of the SUVCW has over 200 community based Camps with more than 6,360 men enjoying the benefits of membership. Learn more about The Sons of Union Veterans on the internet at <http://suvvcw.org/>.

Of course all this information is pointless without a name to search. I learned this after I typed in the name "Chancey". About 144 searches came up in one database under the



Robert Fulton Ballew World War I veteran.

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A 1990 graduate of Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, Okla., Specialist Barnett attended Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, Okla., and Columbia State Community College in Franklin, Tenn.

Specialist Barnett attended the U.S. Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. training as a line medic. He was selected as the Honor Graduate and received the Abrams Award during Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Specialist Barnett also represented the 3rd Squadron, 278th ACR and the 278th ACR as the 2002 Soldier of the year.

The next level of competition for the two will be held April 25-27, 2003 at Camp Shelby, Miss. Here the soldiers will compete with soldiers from throughout the 1st U. S. Army area for representation at the 2003 Soldier and NCO of the Year worldwide competition.



Staff Sgt. Jamey M. Murphy, "NCO of the Year" and Spec. Gregory D. Barnett "Soldier of the Year".

Photo by: Sgt. Russell Klicka 133rd MPAD

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National Park Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System. The site <http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/> is another great place to start your search. In fact, the site will search databases for all states and Confederate or Union soldiers.

If you don't have a name and you want to start back tracking your lineage, then go to www.ancestry.com. There's a good chance as in my case someone had already started the work for me. The on-line lineage for my family included 8 pages of family members. I would have never been able to right this story if I didn't visit there first to fill in the gaps of my Family Tree.

One warning about tracking your family tree on the internet, you may want to get another phone line for your computer. Once you get started it's hard to stop. Good Luck with all your searches.

Left Behind

You're the Good Soldier, America's Pride
Who will fight for Our Freedom Far and Wide
Here in Our Homeland or on a Foreign Shore
You're Ready and Able to Accomplish this Chore
But, as You Leave, Look at the Faces so Kind
And Remember all of Us You have Left Behind

I'm the Young Wife Who Loves You so Dear
I Watched You Go through a Stream of Tears
I'll wait for Your Call or Letter by the Gate
And Wish You Home Sooner rather than Late
I support Your Mission to Help all Mankind
But, It is so Sad to be Left Behind

I'm the Brave Husband Cast in a New Role
To Mind the Home Front and Keep it Whole
Seeing You Leave just doesn't seem Right
But You're a Good Soldier Who can Finish this Fight
All my New Duties I Really don't Mind
But, It is so Sad to be Left Behind

I'm the Little Child that doesn't understand
Why You must Fight in some Other Land
I'll Proudly Wave my Flag as You go By
I'll stand Tall and Proud and I'll Cry
When You return, My Smile will Shine
But, It is so Sad to be Left Behind

I'm the Loving Mother Who Grew You Strong
Taught You the Bible and not to do Wrong
I Know it's Your Duty to Answer this Call
But I Pray I never see Your Name on a Wall
I Send You now, Your Destiny to Find
But, It is so Sad to be Left Behind

I'm the Sturdy Father Who Fought the Same Fight
Years ago We Old Soldiers gave America Its Might
We All Dream of Freedom and the Rockets Red Glare
It Cost us all Dearly and We've All Paid Our Share
Go with Godspeed, Your Duty Defined
Still, It is so Sad to be Left Behind

I'm Your Old Comrade, Stood with You in Rank
We Rode our old Hummers and many a Tank
Together We've Stood, We've Fought the Good Fights
Defended Our Freedom and Preserved Our Rights
But this is Your Battle, This is not My Time
And It is so Sad to be Left Behind

Nelson Steed
COL, MP, TNARNG

Mother, Daughter, Son All Deploy Together

Photo and Story

By: Sgt. Mark Wojciechowski

Brownsville, Tenn. Who's in charge here? As the Detachment Sergeant, Sgt. First Class William Boyd of Detachment 1, 1175th Transportation Company (H.E.T.) is no doubt the chief Noncommissioned Officer of the unit, and what he says goes.

However, Sgt. Buena Montgomery has control of two soldiers even after duty has been concluded for the day.

Spec. Carmen Johnson, a truck driver, and Pfc. Christopher Montgomery, a mechanic with the 1175th have to answer to Sgt. MOM.

It is a little unique to find a father and son, brothers, or even a husband and wife in the same unit. But, find a mother, daughter and son all serving in the same unit of the Tennessee Army National Guard?

Detachment 1 from Brownsville, Tenn. has this very unique circumstance. Mother, daughter, and son all serving, all alerted, all mobilized, and all deploying together.

What does mom think about bringing her children to a hostile zone?

"It's a mothers natural instinct to keep her children out of harms way," said Sgt. Buena Montgomery, and administrative clerk for the unit.

"In a sense it will be easier for us to cope. When we get stressed out we will have each other for support," said Pfc. Christopher Montgomery.

So who is in charge? Of course the chain of command is not altered within the ranks of the 1175th while on duty.



Family (Left to right) Pfc. Christopher Montgomery, Sgt. Buena Montgomery, and Spec. Carmen Johnson all serve the 1175th H.E.T. together.

The Montgomery's professionalism does not let family matters get in the way while conducting daily business. However, occasionally Sgt. Mom will spot-check her children as soldiers. This can be rather embarrassing admits Pfc. Christopher Montgomery. Spec. Johnson admits that her mother will check to make sure her coat is buttoned up not only for military regulation but also for the fact that her daughter could catch a cold.

